

# Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2024

## About the Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 4,000 mile 'ride' follows the historical Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine and the historical Oregon Trail from Missouri to Oregon. The ride begins on January 7, 2024 ending December 31, 2024. Each checkpoint will count for 200 miles or about 50 hours of riding. *(Actual distances between locations may be slightly more or less than 200 miles)*

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. Registration is online at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org). All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their time riding which is converted to distance at 4 miles-per-hour. This is easier for everyone to record. If you are riding as part of a team you should log your individual time. The website credits your rides to the team you joined. Teams may have up to six riders.

Horses used in the ride must be Icelandic Horses, either fully registered or having obtained a participation number from USIHC after being DNA verified. Registered horses do not have to be registered in the United States, any FEIF member country's registry or WorldFengur is acceptable.

The Sea 2 Shining Sea ride is for leisure riders. You participate by riding or driving your Icelandic horse however you like – if you are not being paid for the time. If a team would like to continue additional challenge they may reverse the historical trails to complete up to 8,000 miles.

Hours are logged by using the website, [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org), login with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you may log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on Wednesday 12:00 AM Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.

Once the week is over, you need to start your hours at zero again. ***Please, do not carry hours forward between weeks.*** Since this ride is aimed at leisure activities, we expect your weekly total will be under 20 hours. If you have a big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org) with a short description of what you did during the week. Lastly, hours only count when you are doing an actively riding or driving your horse. Ground work (lunging, liberty, etc.) and watching or auditing another riders lessons/clinic do not count.

We have created a Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>) and encourage everyone to share photos and stories about their rides

## Rider Recognition

Each participant receives a patch with the S2SS logo when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes a milestone, monthly posts will be made for them on the FB group celebrating their achievement.

Riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program, will have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine the Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

## The Route and Checkpoints:

### First Quarter - 0 miles complete Appalachian Trail

GA	Springer Mt.	0
NC	Wayah Bald	200
NC	Hot Spring	400
VA	Damascus	600
VA	Brown Mountain	800
MD	Raven Rock Shelter	1000

### 2nd Quarter - 1000 miles complete

PA	Port Clinton	1200
NY	Pawling	1400
VT	Stratton Pond	1600
ME	Full Goose Shelter	1800
ME	Baxter Peak- Katahdin	2000

### Halfway - 2000 miles complete Oregon Trail

MO	Independence	2200
NE	Fort Kearney	2400
NE	Chimney Rock	2600
WY	Independence Rock	2800
WY	Fort Bridger	3000

### Third Quarters - 3000 miles complete

ID	Fort Hall	3200
ID	Fort Boise	3400
WA	Fort Walla Walla	3600
OR	The Dalles	3800
OR	Oregon City	4000

**Ride Complete!**

*Reverse Route for another 4000 mile challenge*

## In a Nutshell

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Registration is online at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org)
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry or DNA Verified.
- Horses need not be owned by the participants.
- Each member can only enter once.
- Members participate as individuals or in teams. Teams can only have a maximum of 6 riders. Regional clubs may have more than one team.
- Once participants join a team they must remain with the group for the rest of the ride. Changing teams is not allowed mid-ride.
- Logged time transfers if participants join a team.
- Participants may start any time during the ride.
- Progress is logged in hours ridden and converted to distances using a 4 MPH conversion at [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) .
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
- Participants must log their hours by logging into [www.icelandics.org](http://www.icelandics.org) with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you can log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on 12:00 AM Wednesday Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.
- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 11:59 PM (ET). Failure to record, results in lost hours.
- Participants submitting more than 20 hours for a week, must provide details for the long hours by e-mailing [s2ss@icelandics.org](mailto:s2ss@icelandics.org).
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2023 season have agreed to have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.